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Invention: STEERING APPARATUS

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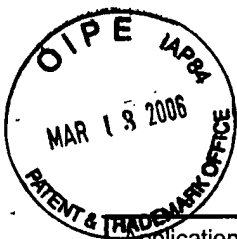
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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action dated December 12, 2005, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Abstract begin on page 5 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 6 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 10 of this paper and include attached replacement sheets.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 11 of this paper.